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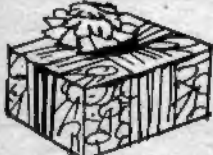
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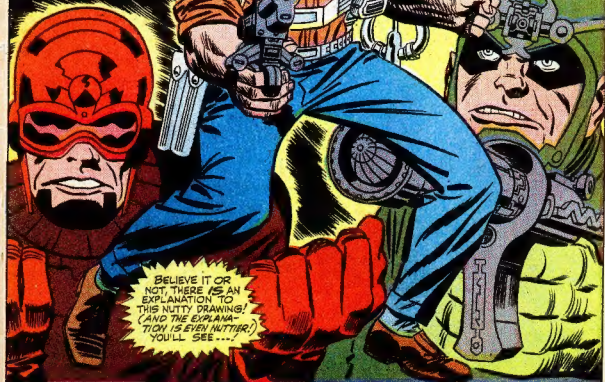
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BELIEVE IT OR
NOT, THERE IS AN
EXPLANATION TO
THIS NUTTY DRAWING!
(AND THE EXPLANA-
TION IS EVEN NUTTIER!)
YOU'LL SEE....!



AS WE SAW LAST ISH, **SHIELD** IS TRIUMPHANT! **HYDRA'S** BEEN SMASHED! THIS IS THE MOP-UP...!

KEEP THOSE HANDS BEHIND YOUR HEADS, OR YOU'VE JUST HAILED YOUR LAST "HAIL HYDRA"!

MOVE IT, BUSTER! THIS AIN'T A HIGH SCHOOL PROM!

YOU'LL NEVER GET IMPERIAL HYDRA HIMSELF!

SHUDDUP 'N KEEP WALKIN'!

C'MON! C'MON! GIT THE LEAD OUT! LOCK THEM CREEPS IN SECTION TWO! WE STILL GOTTA GIT OUR MITTS ON **MR. BIG!**

LOOK LADY...
I KNOW THAT
THE GUY WERE
AFTER IS YER
OLD MAN...
SO MEBBE YA
BETTER STAY
BEHIND TILL
(IT'S OVER!

DON'T ASK HER,NICK...
TELL 'ER!
KNOCK IT
OFF,DUM
DUM, IF NOT
FER THIS
CHICK,I'D
BE PUSHIN'
UP DAISIES
NOW!

YOU MUST
LET ME
GO WITH
YOU,
COLONEL!
I..I HAVE
TO SEE THIS
THROUGH...
TILL THE
END!

YOU CALLED
IT, BABY! LET'S
HIT 'EM!

TROT THAT
BAZOOKA DRILL
UP HERE... ON THE
DOUBLE!

WHY NOT
JUST USE
EXPLOSIVES?

IF THERE'S
A STAIRWAY
BEHIND THAT
DOOR, WE
DON'T WANNA
SMASH IT,
LADY!

MOVE IT!
WE AIN'T
GITTIN' ANY
YOUNGER!

SHE'S ALL SET NOW, COLONEL!

YA WANT I SHOULD GIVE YA A MEDAL? IT'S YOUR TINKER-TOY...USE IT!

NOT TILL YOU BACK AWAY, NICK! EVEN THAT ORNERY HIDE OF YOURS CAN'T SHRUG OFF FLYIN' SHRAPNEL!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, GABE! LET 'ER RIP!

I HEAR YA TALKIN', MAN!

WOW! LOOK AT THOSE DIAMOND TIPS EAT THROUGH THAT SOLID STEEL!!!

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW, KID! WE'LL HAVE YER OLD MAN UNDER WRAPS IN NO TIME!

P-PROMISE ME... THAT HE WON'T... BE HARMED...!

NO CAN DO, LADY! HE AIN'T ABOUT TO GIVE UP EASY!

AWRIGHT! AWRIGHT! YOU AIN'T GITTIN' PAID BY THE HOUR, MISTER! KNOCK OFF THAT DRILLIN' NOW!

DUM DUM! GRAB YERSELF A SLEDGE HAMMER AN' GIT UP HERE!

ONE SMASH IS ALL IT'LL TAKE, MISTER!

HOLD IT! MAKE SURE THE POWER-DRIVE HAMMER-HEAD AIN'T LOOSE!

RELAX, NICK! IF IT IS, I'M THE ONE WHO'LL BE FLATTENED! HEADS UP!

WONG!

KRAKK!

MAN! THAT'S MUSIC!!!

MEANWHILE, A FEW FLIGHTS ABOVE, A TREMBLING FINGER HOVERS OVER AN EMERGENCY **DESTRUCT** BUTTON...




MY DEFEAT WILL NOT BE SO BITTER IF I CAN DESTROY **FURY** ALONG WITH MYSELF!

WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON, I CAN TURN THIS ENTIRE BUILDING INTO A VAST, CRUMBLING **DEATH TRAP!**

THUS, THE FINAL VICTORY WILL **STILL** BELONG TO **IMPERIAL HYDRA!**

BUT, SUDDENLY, HE PAUSES...JUST FOR A SECOND...FOR THE LONGEST, MOST FATEFUL SECOND OF HIS LIFE...



YET, MY **DAUGHTER** IS WITH HIM! IT WILL MEAN **HER** DEATH, TOO! EVEN THOUGH SHE BETRAYED ME...HOW CAN I DO IT?

LUCKY WE WERE STATIONED UP HERE, TO GUARD **IMPERIAL HYDRA!** **SHIELD** HASN'T CAUGHT US YET! ONCE PAST HIM, WE CAN STILL **ESCAPE!**



MY PERSONAL **GUARDS!** I HAD FORGOTTEN ABOUT YOU!

YOU CANNOT SAVE YOURSELF BY **PRETENSE!**

YOU ARE NOT ONE OF **US!**

IMPERIAL HYDRA MUST HAVE ALREADY **ESCAPED!**

SHOOT THIS DOLT, AND LET US FIND OUR LEADER!

YOU FOOLS! I AM **IMPERIAL HYDRA!**



DO YOU TAKE US FOR **CHILDREN??** **HYDRA** WAS A GIANT OF A MAN...MASSIVE, POWERFUL!

I WORE **PADDED ROBES**...BUILT-UP SHOES! I DID IT TO **IMPRESS** YOU...

A **LIKELY** STORY!

YOU MUST BELIEVE ME! LISTEN...**HAIL HYDRA! IMMORTAL HYDRA!** WE SHALL NEVER BE **DESTROYED!**



CUT OFF A LIMB, AND TWO MORE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE!

SILENCE HIM! FOR AN IMPOSTOR TO RECITE OUR OATH IS **BLASPHEMY!**



NOW **QUICKLY!** WE MUST REJOIN THE **MASTER!**

HAIL HYD...
UHMMMM...

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ANOTHER MIGHTY MARVEL HOT-LINE REPORT FEATURING EARTH-SHAKING ITEMS OF MONUMENTAL INCONSEQUENCE!

LET'S BE SERIOUS DEPARTMENT: Millions of our fans (well, hundreds, anyway!) (well, actually, one of the guys in the mail room!) have demanded to know why mixed-up Marvel included so many reprints in this year's Annuals? Here's the Honest-to-Aunt-Petunia answer: We had TWO powerful reasons—#1: Many of our ravin' readers have just joined us recently, thereby missing so many of our earlier masterworks. The reprints in our adorable Annuals give them a chance to complete their can't-live-with-out-'em collections—as does our new quarterly publication **MARVEL COLLECTOR'S ITEM CLASSICS**! #2: Because of our frankly backbreaking schedule each month, we simply no longer have the TIME to do the double-length yarns we featured in our earlier Annuals! So, rather than eliminate these once-yearly spectaculars, we're able to continue them only by combining the old with the new. Contrary to what some Brand Echh subversives have been hinting, it isn't because we're trying to save a few shekels—we can easily afford to spend the DOUGH—but we can't afford the additional TIME without causing our regular monthly mags to suffer! (Anyway, Brand Echh should talk! THEIR Annuals are ALL reprint!—Nyahhhh!) So there you have it! We could have thought up a much better excuse if we wanted to put you on—but, although we may be corny, capricious, and confused, we've never been less than honest with you! And now, it's trivia time again—!

HOW ABOUT THAT! DEPARTMENT: You'll see the name ROY THOMAS popping up here and there in our ever-lovin' editions. Roy's a fan who's made it! Although employed as a school teacher in St. Louis (his subject was English), Roy never lost his love for comic mags—Marvels, to be exact! So, after a lot of correspondence back and forth, we decided it would be cheaper to hire him for the bullpen than to keep shelling out money for those air-mail stamps! Now that Roy's aboard, we're betting our syntax will be sensational, and there won't be a split infinitive for miles around!

STRICTLY PERSONAL: A few fans who must have sent their sensahumor on vacation have written to ask us why we always insult Adorable ARTIE SIMEK and Swingin' SAMMY ROSEN on our crazy kreditals! So, we wanna state here and now that we LOVE those two talented, hard-working, dependable letterers of ours! Those little squibs we write about them are strictly all in fun! We think they're the greatest! (But, if they forgot to capitalize Stan's name once more—watch out!)

DEPARTMENT OF UTTER CONFUSION: We wanted to tell you all about the new artists we've hired, and the new lineup of pencillers and inkers for our various strips,

but we're still in the process of switching everything around, so it'll have to wait till next month! But, we think we have some of the most sensational announcements of the season in store for you! Just wait'n see! Of course, one thing we CAN mention is the fact that Jolly JOE SINNOTT will be our permanent F.F. inker from now on! In our book, he's the best there is, and then some! For those of you who've been wondering how we could possibly improve "the world's greatest comic mag"—you've got your answer!

DIDJA KNOW? DEPARTMENT: DIDJA KNOW that MARVEL COMICS is just a part of a huge publishing empire which also produces movie magazines, men's magazines, crossword puzzle books, and hosts of other publications, including the two now-famous ones written by our leader: **MONSTERS UNLIMITED**, and **YOU DON'T SAY!** (By the way, **MONSTERS UNLIMITED** has become such a swingin' success that it's now published on a regular basis, four times a year! Congratulations, Stan!) DIDJA KNOW that most of our amazin' artists work at home and sometimes don't visit the bullpen more often than once a month! (In fact, last time we saw Darlin' DICK AYERS, who lives in Westchester, we almost didn't recognize him!) And JACK "KING" KIRBY drops in, loaded down with a new mess of masterpieces, once a week. Poor Jack! He's so absent-minded that he usually goes home with someone else's hat, portfolio, or train ticket! Stan wanted to put a label around his neck reading: "If found, please return to the merry Marvel bullpen!" but he couldn't—Jack lost the label!

LET'S MEET 25 MORE M.M.M.S. MEMBERS:

Philip Todd
Detroit, Mich.

Stephen Gillis
Somerville, Calif.

Ty Bizone
New York, N. Y.

Daniel Jaworski
W. Seneca, N. Y.

Allen Haworth
Wilson, Kansas

Gilbert Alvarado
Cavestown, Texas

Richard Vogt
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Jack Starantino
Holmes, Pa.

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Paul Gilson
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Ralph Renaudo
Bronx, N. Y.

Mickey White
New York, N. Y.

Sgt. Vernon D. Billingsly
New York, N. Y.

Spec. Robert A. Stillman
New York, N. Y.

Spec. Larry T. Schroth
New York, N. Y.

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New York, N. Y.

P.F.C. Al Schneider
New York, N. Y.

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Stanford, Calif.

Hank Elde
Stanford, Calif.

Cliff Caballero
Stanford, Calif.

Keith Howard
Stanford, Calif.

Ron Soong
Stanford, Calif.

Vic Salazar
Seattle, Wash.

Ted Perry
Westminster, B.C.

Charles Quinn
Grenada, Miss.

THE WRAP-UP! Don't forget to write and tell us what items you'd like to see featured on this page in future issues. And now, until we meet again, take good care of yourself—even if we don't tell you often enough, we're nothing without you!

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvelous Mags On Sale Right Now

FANTASTIC FOUR #46: At last! The secret of the Great Refuge, where dwell the incredible Inhumans! If you read no other magazine this season, you must not miss this one!

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AVENGERS #24: Trapped in the far distant future, fighting one of the most powerful foes in the universe, with all odds against them, the mighty Avengers prove how powerful they really are!

X-MEN #16: Thrill to the conclusion of the startling battle against the Sentinels—given new glory and luster by some of the finest pencilling and inking of the current season!

DAREDEVIL #12: Not one villain, but two! Or, is our second super-powered guest star really a villain? For all the color and spectacle which have made Marvel a byword, this is for you!

THOR #124: Another offbeat, unexpected shocker featuring the golden immortal who has taken the entire comics magazine-reading world by storm! From Asgard to earth, the thrills never stop!

ASTONISH #76: One of the biggest surprises in Marveldom awaits you in the Sub-Mariner epic this ish! And, Namor finally comes to the surface world! As for the Hulk—merely greater than ever! (Just wait'll you see his new super-foe!)

SUSPENSE #74: The fate of Happy Hogan will leave you breathless as Iron Man reaches new heights of greatness! And, Captain America has only a few seconds left to save the whole cockeyed world!

SGT. FURY #26: Darlin' Dum Dum Dugan almost steals the whole show this time, in one of the whackiest, most wonderful war tales of all! If a whole kaboodle of new characters is what you want—you've got 'em!

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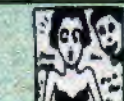


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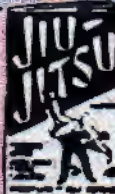
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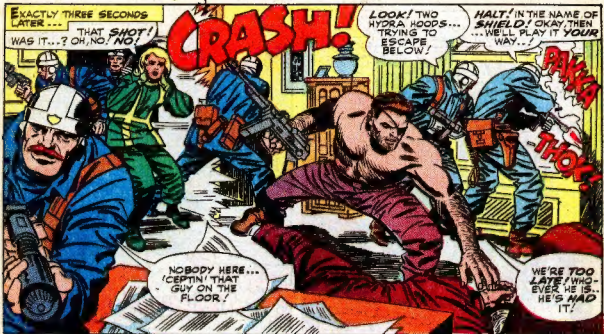
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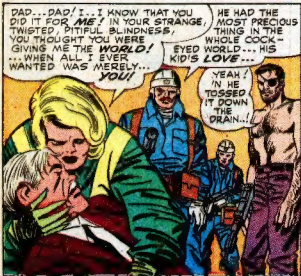
LOOK! TWO
HYDRA HOODS...
TRYING TO
ESCAPE
BELOW!

HALT! IN THE NAME OF
SHIELD! OKAY, THEN
...WE'LL PLAY IT YOUR
WAY!

**PAKED
THOK!**

NOBODY HERE...
'CEPTIN' THAT
GUY ON THE
FLOOR!

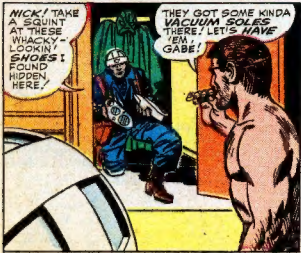
WE'RE TOO
LATE! WHO-
EVER HE IS...
HE'S HAD
IT!



DAD... DAD! I... I KNOW THAT YOU
DID IT FOR ME! IN YOUR STRANGE,
TWISTED, PITIFUL BLINDNESS,
YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE
GIVING ME THE WORLD!
...WHEN ALL I EVER
WANTED WAS MERELY...
YOU!

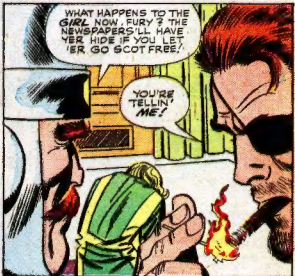
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THING IN THE
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EYED WORLD... HIS
KID'S LOVE...

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'N HE
TOSSED
IT DOWN
THE DRAIN!



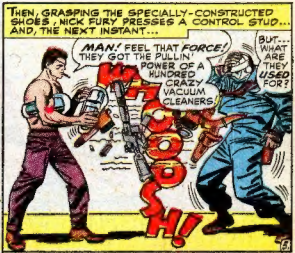
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A SQUINT
AT THESE
"WHACKY"
LOOKIN'
SHOES!
FOUND
HIDDEN
HERE!

THEY GOT SOME KINDA
VACUUM SOLES
THERE! LET'S HAVE
'EM GABE!



WHAT HAPPENS TO THE
GIRL NOW, FURY? THE
NEWSPAPERS'LL HAVE
YER HIDE IF YOU LET
'ER GO SCOT FREE!

YOU'RE
TELLIN'
ME!



THEN, GRASPING THE SPECIALLY-CONSTRUCTED
SHOES, NICK FURY PRESSES A CONTROL STUD...
AND, THE NEXT INSTANT...

MAN! FEEL THAT FORCE!
THEY GOT THE PULLIN'
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HUNDRED
CRAZY
VACUUM
CLEANERS!

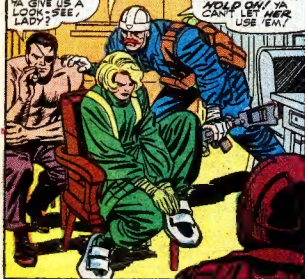
BUT...
WHAT
ARE
THEY
USED
FOR?

WOOOOSH!

I HAVE HEARD MY FATHER SPEAK OF THEM! THEY WERE DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOVING UP AND DOWN SHEER WALLS!

YEAH? SUPPOSE YA GIVE US A LOOK-SEE, LADY?

HEY, FURY! HOLD ON! YA CAN'T LET HER USE 'EM!



DUM DUM, DID I EVER TELL YA WHAT A BIG, FAT, LOUD MOUTH YA GOT??

BUT, FER THE LUVVA PETE, COLONEL! WITH A PAIR OF GLOD HOPPERS LIKE THEM ON HER FEET, SHE'S LIABLE TO GIT AWAY FROM US!

YEAH! WOULDN'T THAT BE A CRYIN' SHAME?!!

THWUP! THWUP!

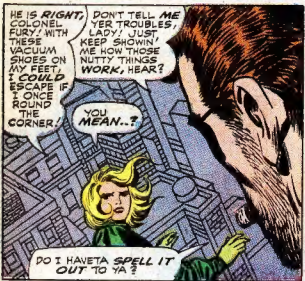


HE IS RIGHT, COLONEL FURY! WITH THESE VACUUM SHOES ON MY FEET, I COULD ESCAPE IF I ONCE ROUND THE CORNER!

DON'T TELL ME YER TROUBLES, LADY! JUST KEEP SHOWIN' ME HOW THOSE NUTTY THINGS WORK, HEAR?

YOU MEAN..?

DO I HAVETA SPELL IT OUT TO YA?



I HAVE KNOWN MANY MEN IN MY LIFE, BUT I NEVER HAVE KNOWN... I NEVER SHALL KNOW... ANOTHER OF THE CALIBER OF NICK FURY!

COLONEL! DUM DUM WAS RIGHT! SHE'S TRYIN' TO GET AWAY!

YA DON'T SAY!

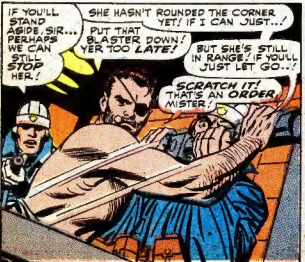


IF YOU'LL STAND ASIDE, SIR... PERHAPS WE CAN STILL STOP HER!

SHE HASN'T ROUNDED THE CORNER YET! IF I CAN JUST... PUT THAT BLASTER DOWN! YER TOO LATE!

BUT SHE'S STILL IN RANGE! IF YOU'LL JUST LET GO...

SCRATCH IT! THAT'S AN ORDER MISTER!

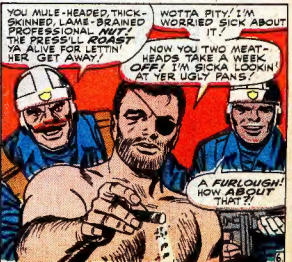


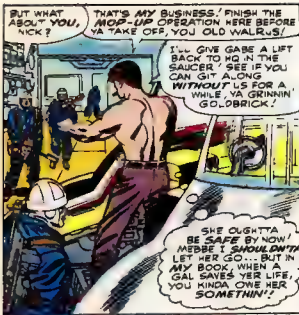
YOU MULE-HEADED, THICK-SKINNED, LAME-BRAINED PROFESSIONAL NUT! THE PRESS'LL ROAST YA ALIVE FOR LETTIN' HER GET AWAY!

WOTTA PITY! I'M WORRIED SICK ABOUT IT!

NOW YOU TWO MEAT-HEADS TAKE A WEEK OFF! I'M SICKA LOOKIN' AT YER UGLY PANS!

A FURLOUGH! HOW ABOUT THAT?!





BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, NICK?

THAT'S MY BUSINESS. FINISH THE MOP-UP OPERATION HERE BEFORE YA TAKE OFF, YOU OLD WALRUS!

I'LL GIVE GABE A LIFT BACK TO HQ IN THE SAUCER. SEE IF YOU CAN GIT ALONG WITHOUT US FOR A WHILE, YA GRINNIN' GOLDBRICK!

SHE OUGHTTA BE SAFE BY NOW! MEBBE I SHOULDN'TA LET HER GO... BUT IN MY BOOK, WHEN A GAL SAVES YER LIFE, YOU KINDA OWE HER SOMETHIN'!

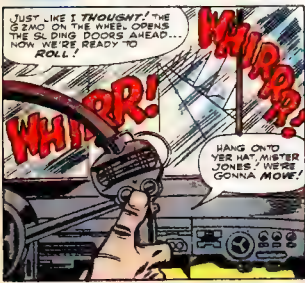


WANT ME TO DRIVE FOR YOU, COLONEL? I'LL BET YOU AIN'T SHUT YOUR EYES IN MORE'N THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS.

WHEN I NEED A WET-NURSE JONES, I'LL LETCHA KNOW!

NOW LET'S SEE HOW THIS NUTTY HOTROD WORKS!

HYDRA NEVER SAW THE DAY WHEN THEY COULD BUILD ANY KINDA MACHINE THAT AN AGENT OF SHIELD COULDN'T DOPE OUT!

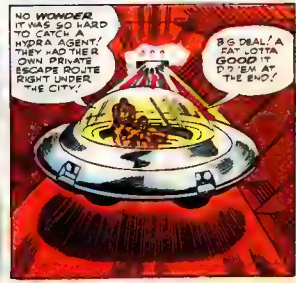


JUST LIKE I THOUGHT! THE G2MO ON THE WHEEL OPENS THE SLIDING DOORS AHEAD... NOW WE'RE READY TO ROLL!

WHIRR!

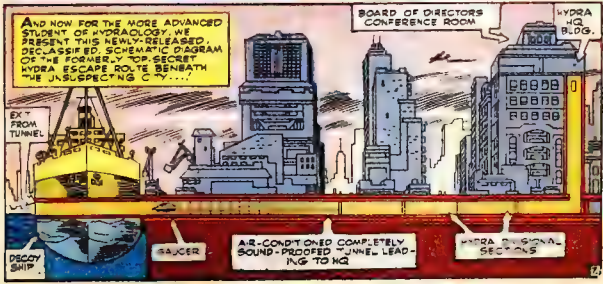
WHIRR!

HANG ONTO YER HAT, MISTER JONES. WE'RE GONNA MOVE!



NO WONDER IT WAS SO HARD TO CATCH A HYDRA AGENT! THEY HAD THEIR OWN PRIVATE ESCAPE ROUTE RIGHT UNDER THE CITY!

BIG DEAL! A FAT LOTTA GOOD 'N D'EM AT THE END!



AND NOW FOR THE MORE ADVANCED STUDENT OF HYDRAOLOGY, WE PRESENT THIS NEWLY-RELEASED, DECLASSIFIED, SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM OF THE FORMERLY TOP-SECRET HYDRA ESCAPE ROUTE BENEATH THE UNSUSPECTING CITY....!

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HYDRA HQ BLDG.

EXIT FROM TUNNEL

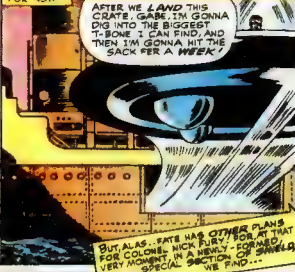
DECOY SHIP

SAUCER

AIR-CONDITIONED COMPLETELY SOUND-PROOFED TUNNEL LEADING TO HQ

HYDRA REGIONAL SECTIONS

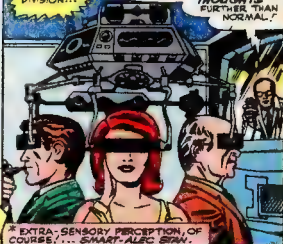
AND SO, AS THE CAPTURED HYDRA SAUCER IS FLOWN TO SHIELD HEADQUARTERS, THE DREAD DANGER, WHICH HAS CONFRONTED MANKIND SEEMS ENDED... FOR NOW!



AFTER WE LAND THIS CRATE, GABE, I'M GONNA DIG INTO THE BIGGEST T-BONE I CAN FIND, AND THEN I'M GONNA HIT THE SACK FOR A WEEK!

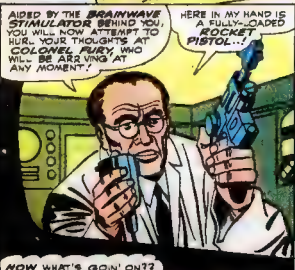
BUT, ALAS... FATE HAS OTHER PLANS FOR COLONEL NICK FURY. FOR, AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A NEWLY-FORMED, SPECIAL SECTION WE FIND...

THE INCREDIBLE, HUSH-HUSH E.S.P. DIVISION...



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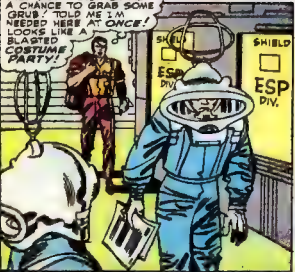
*EXTRA-SENSORY PERCEPTION, OF COURSE... SMART-ALEC STAN.



AIDED BY THE BRAINWAVE STIMULATOR BEHIND YOU, YOU WILL NOW ATTEMPT TO HURL YOUR THOUGHTS AT COLONEL FURY, WHO WILL BE ARRIVING AT ANY MOMENT!

HERE IN MY HAND IS A FULLY-LOADED ROCKET PISTOL...

NOW WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIMME A CHANCE TO GRAB SOME GRUB! TOLD ME I'M NEEDED HERE AT ONCE! LOOKS LIKE A BLASTED COSTUME PARTY!



YOU CAN SENSE HOW DANGEROUS IT IS...

WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF SHIELD ENTERS THIS ROOM, I SHALL TAKE AIM AND FIRE AT HIM... ONLY BY YOUR THOUGHTS CAN YOU WARN HIM! NOW... PROCEED!



SUDDENLY, NICK FURY REELS BACK, STRUCK BY A JOLTING SENSATION OF ALARM! EVERY FIBER OF HIS BEING SEEMS TO TREMBLE AS HE WHIPS OUT HIS GUN...

SOMETHIN'S HAPPENIN' TO ME... HITTIN' MY BRAIN!!! CAN'T SEE IT... CAN'T FIGHT IT...!

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QUICK! GET THE SCRAMBLE HELMET ON 'IM!

THE TEST WORKED! THE "THINKERS" WARNED HIM BEFORE HE COULD REACH THE DOOR!

I STILL SAY THIS IS ONE HECKUVA WAY TO GREET THE BOSS!

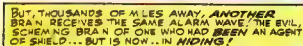
YOU'LL BE OKAY NOW, COLONEL! THAT SCRAMBLE HELMET WILL SHIELD YOU FROM THE ALARM WAVES!

SCRAMBLE HELMET?? ALARM WAVES?? YOU BETTER START EXPLAININ' MISTER, WHILE YA STILL CAN!

IT'S OUR NEW E.S.D. DIVISION, SIR! THEY WANTED TO IMPRESS YOU WITH A DEMONSTRATION! IT'S THE BIGGEST THING SHIELD'S EVER TRIED!

WE CALL IT OPERATION BRAIN-BLAST!

THAT'S JUST A FANCY NAME FER... MIND READIN'!!!



BUT, THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY, ANOTHER BRAIN RECEIVES THE SAME ALARM WAVE! THE EVIL, SCHEMING BRAIN OF ONE WHO HAD BEEN AN AGENT OF SHIELD... BUT IS NOW... IN HIDING!

THAT SENSATION... IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING...

SHIELD'S CONTINUING WITH OPERATION BRAIN-BLAST!

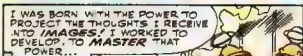
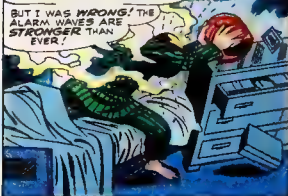
THEY FOUND OTHERS TO REPLACE ME!



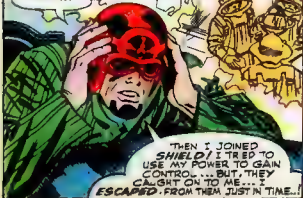
FRANTICALLY FIGHTING AGAINST THE PAIN AND SHOCK, HE REACHES FOR A SCRAMBLE HELMET OF HIS OWN DESIGN, WHICH SITS ATOP A BUREAU...

I THOUGHT THEY'D HAVE TO TAKE ME BACK AGAIN... SOONER OR LATER, I THOUGHT THEY COULDN'T GO ANY FURTHER WITHOUT ME!

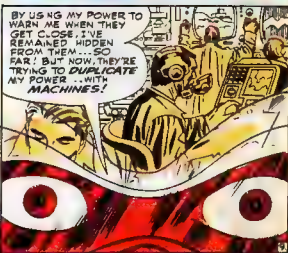
BUT I WAS WRONG! THE ALARM WAVES ARE STRONGER THAN EVER!



I WAS BORN WITH THE POWER TO PROJECT THE THOUGHTS I RECEIVE INTO IMAGES! I WORKED TO DEVELOP, TO MASTER THAT POWER...



THEN I JOINED SHIELD! I TRIED TO USE MY POWER TO GAIN CONTROL... BUT, THEY CAUGHT ON TO ME... I ESCAPED FROM THEM JUST IN TIME...



BY USING MY POWER TO WARN ME WHEN THEY GET CLOSE, I'VE REMAINED HIDDEN FROM THEM... SO FAR! BUT NOW, THEY'RE TRYING TO DUPLICATE MY POWER... WITH MACHINES!



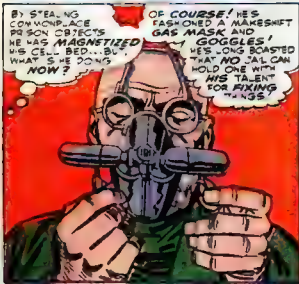
NOW I KNOW I CAN WAIT NO LONGER! I MUST STRIKE BACK AT SHIELD! I MUST DESTROY THEM, BEFORE THEY CAN FIND A DEFENSE AGAINST ME!

ALL I NEED DO IS RELAX LET MY MIND GO BLANK...

UNTIL IT FINDS THE ONE I SEEK...

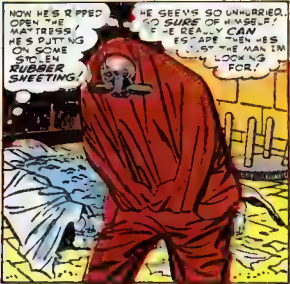


THERE HE IS! THE ONE WHOM THE POLICE CALL THE FIXER! THERE'S NOTHING HE CANNOT MAKE... OR FIX!



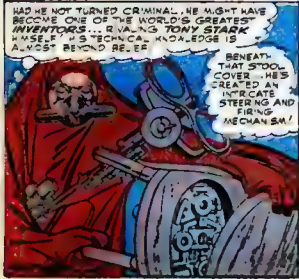
BY STEALING COMMONPLACE PRISON OBJECTS HE WAS MAGNETIZED HIS CELL BED... BUT WHAT SHE DOES NOW?

OF COURSE! HE'S FASHIONED A MAKESHIFT GAS MASK AND GOGGLES! HE'S LONG BOASTED THAT NO JAIL CAN HOLD ONE WITH HIS TALENT FOR FIXING THINGS



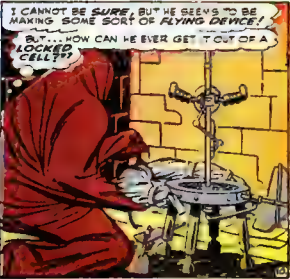
NOW HE'S RIPPED OPEN THE MATTRESS! HE'S PUTTING ON SOME STOLEN RUBBER SHEETING!

HE SEEMS SO UNHURRIED... SO SURE OF HIMSELF! HE REALLY CAN ESCAPE! THEN HE'S JUST THE MAN I'M LOOKING FOR!



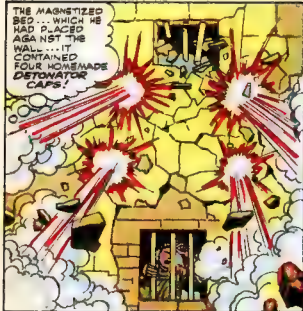
HAD HE NOT TURNED CRIMINAL, HE MIGHT HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST INVENTORS... RIVALING TONY STARK HIMSELF! HIS TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE IS ALMOST BEYOND REEF

BENEATH THAT STOLEN COVER, HE'S CREATED AN INTRICATE STEERING AND FIRING MECHANISM!

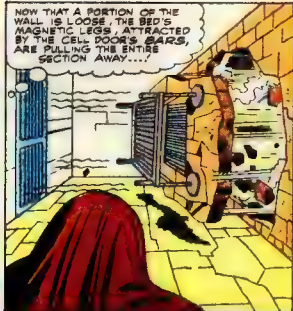


I CANNOT BE SURE, BUT HE SEEMS TO BE MAKING SOME SORT OF FLYING DEVICE!

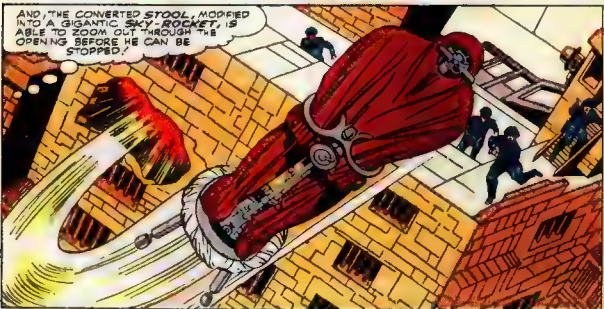
BUT... HOW CAN HE EVER GET IT OUT OF A LOCKED CELL?



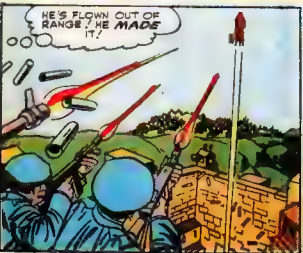
THE MAGNETIZED BED... WHICH HE HAD PLACED AGAINST THE WALL... IT CONTAINED FOUR HOME-MADE DETONATOR CAPS!



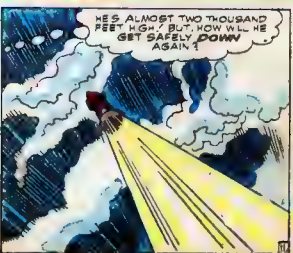
NOW THAT A PORTION OF THE WALL IS LOOSE, THE BED'S MAGNETIC LEGS, ATTRACTED BY THE CELL DOOR'S BARS, ARE PULLING THE ENTIRE SECTION AWAY...!



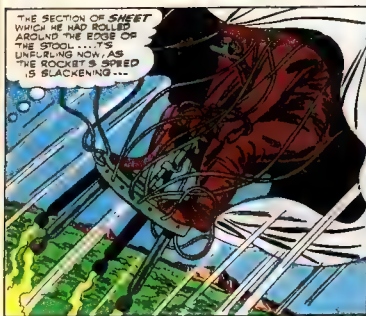
AND, THE CONVERTED STOOL, MODIFIED INTO A GIGANTIC SKY-ROCKET, IS ABLE TO ZOOM OUT THROUGH THE OPENING BEFORE HE CAN BE STOPPED.



HE'S FLOWN OUT OF RANGE / HE MADE IT!



HE'S ALMOST TWO THOUSAND FEET HIGH / BUT, HOW WILL HE GET SAFELY DOWN AGAIN?



THE SECTION OF SHEET WHICH HE HAD ROLLED AROUND THE EDGE OF THE STOOL... IT'S UNFURLING NOW, AS THE ROCKET'S SPEED IS SLACKENING...

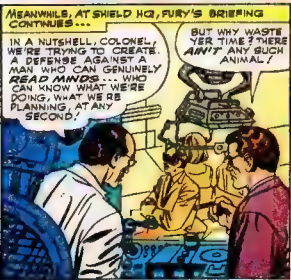


THE FIXER WAS TRUE TO HIS WORD! NO JAIL COULD HOLD HIM!



WHAT A TEAM WE SHALL MAKE! WITH MY BRAIN, THERE CAN BE NO SECRETS FROM ME! I CAN SEE EVERYTHING... I LEARN ANYTHING! EVEN SHIELD WILL BE HELPLESS TO COPE WITH ME!

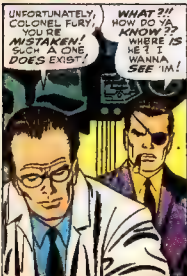
AND THE FIXER SHALL FASHION ME WEAPONS... WEAPONS SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER DREAMED OF! TOGETHER, WE CAN RULE MANKIND!



MEANWHILE, AT SHIELD HQ, FURY'S BRIEFING CONTINUES...

IN A NUTSHELL, COLONEL, WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE A DEFENSE AGAINST A MAN WHO CAN GENUINELY READ MINDS... WHO CAN KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING, WHAT WE'RE PLANNING, AT ANY SECOND.

BUT WHY WASTE YER TIME? THERE AIN'T ANY SUCH ANIMAL!



UNFORTUNATELY, COLONEL FURY, YOU'RE MISTAKEN! SUCH A ONE DOES EXIST!

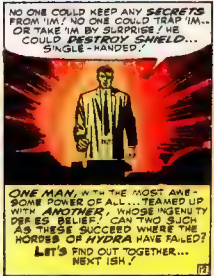
WHAT?! HOW DO YA KNOW?? WHERE IS HE? I WANNA SEE 'IM!



WE'D LIKE TO SEE HIM, TOO! HE WORKED FOR US, BRIEFLY... WE DON'T SUSPECT HIS POWER... UNTIL HE HAD ESCAPED! NOW, WE CANNOT FIND HIM!

YA MEAN YOU LET 'IM GET AWAY!

IF HE'S WHAT YA SAY, HE'S THE MOST DANGEROUS GUY IN THE WORLD!



NO ONE COULD KEEP ANY SECRETS FROM 'IM! NO ONE COULD TRAP 'IM... OR TAKE 'IM BY SURPRISE! HE COULD DESTROY SHIELD... SINGLE-HANDED!

ONE MAN, WITH THE MOST AWESOME POWER OF ALL... TEAMED UP WITH ANOTHER, WHOSE INGENUITY DEFIES BELIEF! CAN TWO SUCH AS THESE SUCCEED WHERE THE HORDES OF HYDRA HAVE FAILED? LET'S FIND OUT TOGETHER... NEXT ISH!

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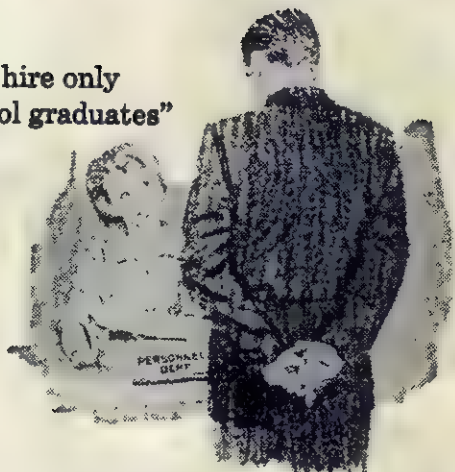
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WERE YOU FOOL ENOUGH TO THINK I COULD HAVE BEEN BEATEN SO EASILY?? I WAS MERELY TOYING WITH HIM!-- BUT NOW, YOU HAVE SOURED THE TASTE OF MY VICTORY!

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YOU WERE MERELY A TOOL OF MINE-- A HIRELING! BUT, YOU DARED GO OVER MY HEAD-- YOU DARED ACT ON YOUR OWN-- WITHOUT A COMMAND FROM ME!

I MEANT NO HARM! I WANTED TO HELP--!



SILENCE!!! I SHALL TRANSPORT YOU TO THE DIMENSION OF DEMONS, WHERE YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR POLLY UNTIL IT SUITS ME TO RETURN YOU AGAIN!

NO, DORMAMMU -- NO! HAVE MERCY, I BEG YOU! MERCY--!



MERCY? BAH! THAT IS A WORD FOR HUMANS-- NOT FOR THE DREAD DORMAMMU!

THOUGH I DID NOT WIN IN THE MANNER, I WOULD HAVE CHOSEN, STILL AM I THE SOLE SURVIVOR!

THEREFORE, I DEMAND MY PRIZE! I MUST BE CROWNED MASTER OF ALL DIMENSIONS!



NEVER, EVIL ONE, THE BATTLE IS NOT YET ENDED!

MORDO'S COWARDLY ATTACK MERELY STUNNED ME! I HEARD WHAT YOU TOLD HIM, AND NOW I GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE-- TO TRY FOR THE VICTORY YOU SEEK!

YOU ARE WOUNDED -- WEAK! I COULD WIN TOO EASILY!



I DECLARE MYSELF STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTINUE! IF YOU REFUSE, IT MEANS YOU FEAR ME-- IT MEANS YOU WANTED MORDO TO ATTACK ME FROM BEHIND!

THOSE RASH WORDS HAVE SEALED YOUR DOOM! NOW, YOU SHALL SURELY DIE!

I HAD TO GOAD HIM-- TO INSULT HIS PRIDE-- HIS HONOR!



THOUGH I POSSESS ENOUGH MAGICAL POWER TO ERASE YOU FROM EXISTENCE IN AN INSTANT, I PREFER TO CONTINUE OUR BATTLE AS BEFORE--USING ONLY OUR PHYSICAL WEAPONS....!



MY SON, ARE YOU TRULY STRONG ENOUGH TO RESUME THE BATTLE?!



YES, VENERABLE MASTER, I AM FULLY RECOVERED FROM MORDO'S BLOW-- BUT DORMAMAMU DOES NOT REALIZE THAT--WHICH MAY PROVE TO MY ADVANTAGE!

AND, WATCHING THE DYNAMIC TABLEAU FROM A FAR DISTANT DIMENSION, WE FIND THE LOVELY PRISONER OF DORMAMAMU, AS HER HOPES RISE ONCE AGAIN...

ALL IS STILL NOT LOST! MY CHAMPION DARES TO FIGHT ONCE MORE!



MAN! JUST AS I THOUGHT! YOU BACK AWAY FROM MY SHAPESLY BLOW, YOU ARE TOO HEAKA TO FIGHT--AND YOU KNOW IT!

GOOD! JUST WHAT I WANT HIM TO THINK! IF ONLY I CAN SAFELY KEEP UP THIS ACT!!



YOU HAVE GAMBLLED ON THE FACT THAT I MIGHT NOT LEAP IN FOR THE KILL UNTIL YOUR FULL STRENGTH HAS RETURNED!

YOU THOUGHT TO STALL ME--AVOID MY FINAL ATTACK--WHILE YOU GAINED NEW STRENGTH EACH MINUTE!



WELL, YOUR PLAN HAS FAILED! YOU SHALL NOT HAVE THE CHANCE!! I SHALL FINISH YOU OFF FOREVER--NOW!

HE'S GETTING CARELESS--RECKLESS-- BUT HIS STRENGTH IS UNBELIEVABLE!



NOW, USING THE PINCHERS OF POWER, I RIP MYSELF FOREVER OF DR. STRANGE!

I MUST GET IN JUST THE RIGHT POSITION TO MEET HIS ATTACK!



I HOPE MY PRETENDED "STUMBLE" WILL FOOL HIM INTO THINKING I REALLY TRIPPED!

NOW YOU'RE DOOMED, STRANGE! WE'VE MADE CONTACT! OUR HANDS ARE LOCKED ONCE MORE!

SO LONG AS MY PINCERS HOLD YOU, THERE IS NO WAY YOU CAN FLEE-- NO PLACE YOU CAN HIDE!

AND NOW, BOTH HANDS ARE JOINED! IT WAS SO EASY FOR ME!

IT'S YOUR WILL AGAINST MINE, STRANGE-- YOUR STRENGTH-- AGAINST MINE!

MY POWER IS NO MATCH FOR HIS-- BUT, IF I AM TO SURVIVE, MY CUNNING MUST PROVE SUPERIOR!

YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TAUNTED ME--! IF YOU HAD NOT REPEATED YOUR CHALLENGE, YOUR LIFE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPARED!

NOW! THIS IS THE MOMENT WHEN I MUST BEGIN THE MOST IMPORTANT ACT OF ALL!

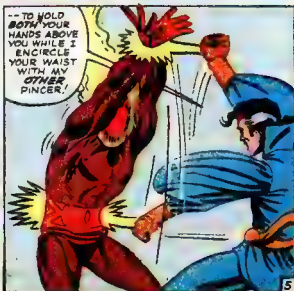
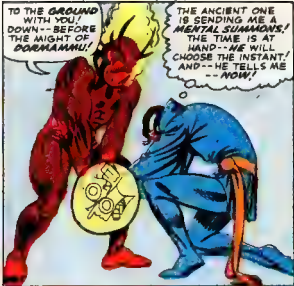
I MUST SEEM TO BE FALTERING-- WEAKENING-- ABOUT TO COLLAPSE IN DEFEAT!

HE MUST BELIEVE HE HAS BEATEN ME...!

FOR, ONLY IF HE BECOMES SUPREMELY OVERCONFIDENT WILL I HAVE A CHANCE TO FINALLY OUTWIT HIM!

HAN! I SEE YOU BEGINNING TO COLLAPSE WITH EXHAUSTION...

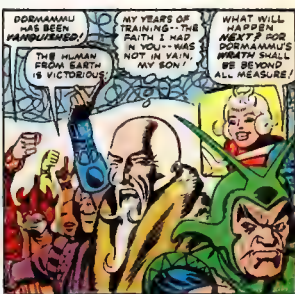
MY TIMING MUST BE PERFECT! I MUST CHOOSE THE ONLY POSSIBLE SPLIT-SECOND--!





AND NOW,
YOU ARE
HELPLESS!

USING
YOUR OWN
WEAPONS--
FIGHTING
WITH YOUR
OWN
RULES--
I HAVE
WON!!

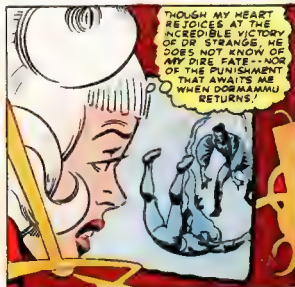


DORMAMMU
HAS BEEN
VANQUISHED!

THE HUMAN
FROM EARTH
IS VICTORIOUS!

MY YEARS OF
TRAINING--THE
FAITH I HAD
IN YOU--WAS
NOT IN VAIN.
MY SON!

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN
NEXT? FOR
DORMAMMU'S
WRATH SHALL
BE BEYOND
ALL MEASURE!



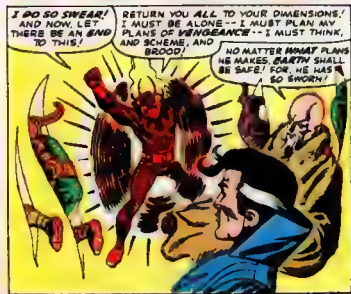
THOUGH MY HEART
REJOICES AT THE
INCREDIBLE VICTORY
OF DR. STRANGE, HE
DOES NOT KNOW OF
MY DIRE FATE--NOR
OF THE PUNISHMENT
THAT AWAITS ME
WHEN DORMAMMU
RETURNS!



NOW, THE PRICE OF
YOUR DEFEAT! YOU
MUST SWEAR NEVER
TO TURN YOUR POWER
AGAINST EARTH--
AND WE SHALL ALL
BE WITNESSES!

I COULD HAVE DESTROYED
YOU A THOUSAND TIMES--
IN A THOUSAND WAYS--
BUT I CHOSE TO BATTLE
WITHOUT MY POWERS.
THINKING MY VICTORY WOULD
THUS BE MORE GLORIOUS!

NO MATTER! WE AWAIT
YOUR OATH!



I DO SO SWEAR!
AND NOW, LET
THERE BE AN END
TO THIS!

RETURN YOU ALL TO YOUR DIMENSIONS!
I MUST BE ALONE--I MUST PLAN MY
PLANS OF VENGEANCE--I MUST THINK,
AND SCHEME, AND
BROOD!

NO MATTER WHAT PLANS
HE MAKES, EARTH SHALL
BE SAFE! FOR, HE HAS
SO SWORN!

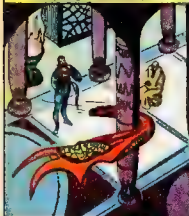


AND THEN, AT THE MEREST GESTURE FROM
DORMAMMU--

IT'S
OVER!
WE HAVE
RETURNED

HIS POWER IS SO
VAST--SO UNIMAGINABLE!
IT IS A MIRACLE THAT
HE WAS DEFEATED!

THEN, WHILE THE TRIUMPHANT MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC REPLACES HIS MYSTIC AMULET, HE SENDS HIS ENCHANTED CLOAK OF LEVITATION ON A PRE-ORDAINED MISSION...



FROM WHICH IT RETURNS, MOMENTS LATER, BRINGING WITH IT HAMIR THE HERMIT, THE ANCIENT ONE'S FAITHFUL ATTENDANT...



YOU HAVE RETURNED! PRAISED BE THE HOARY HOSTS OF HOGGOTH!

AYE, HAMIR! AND PRAISED BE DR. STRANGE AS WELL! 'T WAS HE WHO SAVED ME!

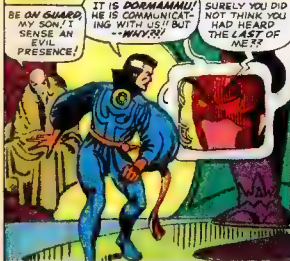
IT HAS BEEN MANY HOURS SINCE YOUR MASTER HAS DINED HAMIR--!



SAY NO MORE! I SHALL PREPARE A REPAST FIT FOR KINGS! THE OMNIPOTENT OSHUNTA COULD NOT CREATE A BETTER MEAL!

THEN GO, FAITHFUL ONE! FOR THE HOUR GROWS LATE!

THEN, HOURS LATER-- AFTER THE BANQUET HAS ENDED...

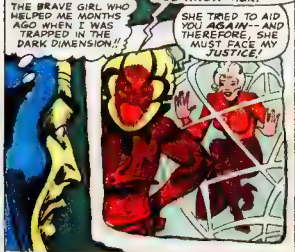


BE ON GUARD, MY SON! I SENSE AN EVIL PRESENCE!

IT IS DORMAMMU! HE IS COMMUNICATING WITH US! BUT --WHY??!

SURELY YOU DID NOT THINK YOU HAD HEARD THE LAST OF ME??

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU, VICTORIOUS ONE! BEHOLD--ONE OF MY SUBJECTS! I BELIEVE YOU KNOW HER!



THE BRAVE GIRL WHO HELPED ME MONTHS AGO WHEN I WAS TRAPPED IN THE DARK DIMENSION!!

SHE TRIED TO AID YOU AGAIN-- AND THEREFORE, SHE MUST FACE MY JUSTICE!

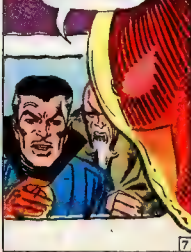
THUS, I SENTENCE HER TO A PLACE WHERE SHE SHALL PAY FOR HER TREASON-- A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN NEVER FIND HER!



NOW, ENJOY YOUR VICTORY, STRANGE!! ENJOY IT-- KNOWING THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU HAVE JUST WITNESSED!!!



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ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE WON--
THE FINAL VICTORY *STILL*
IS MINE!!



BRING HER
BACK,
DORMAMMU!!
DON'T MAKE
HER PAY FOR
WHAT I HAVE
DONE! WAIT--
--WAIT--!

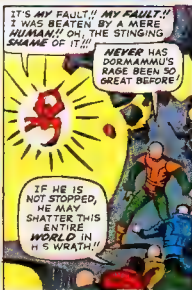
*ASSHOLE, EARTH-
LING!! YOU
BEGIN TO
BORE ME!!*



IT IS *DONE!* I HAVE DAMPENED
THE FLAME OF HIS VICTORY!
BUT, THAT IS ONLY THE BEGIN-
NING! ONLY THE *BEGINNING!*



..FOR I HAVE SO MUCH TO MAKE
UP FOR!! WHY DID I NOT
CRUSH HIM AT ONCE?? I HAD
THE *POWER* TO DO SO!! WHY
DID I ATTEMPT TO *TOY* W/TH
HIM??



IT'S MY FAULT!! *MY FAULT!!*
I WAS BEATEN BY A MERE
HUMAN!! OH, THE STINGING
SHAME OF IT!!!

NEVER HAS
DORMAMMU'S
RAGE BEEN SO
GREAT BEFORE!

IF HE IS
NOT STOPPED,
HE MAY
SHATTER THIS
ENTIRE
WORLD IN
H'S WRATH!!



STRANGE MUST
DIE!! SOMEHOW,
WITHOUT
VIOLATING MY
OATH, I MUST
DESTROY HIM!
AND DESTROY
HIM I *SHALL!!*

FOR I AM
TRULY--THE
BREAD
DORMAMMU
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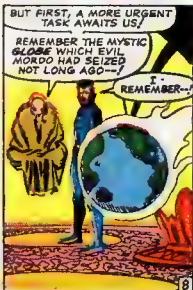
AND, BACK AT THE ANCIENT ONE'S
SANCTUM....

I MUST FIND THE
GIRL--AND *SAVE* HER, MASTER!

ALL IN GOOD TIME, MY
SON! SHE IS MERELY *BAIT*
WITH WHICH TO TRAP YOU!
SHE WILL NOT BE
HARMED SO LONG
AS YOU ARE
FREE!



YOU MIGHT SEARCH THE
DIMENSIONS *FOREVER* AND
NEVER FIND HER! BUT,
BECAUSE OF YOUR GREAT
VICTORY, I CAN GET OTHERS
TO *AID* IN YOUR QUEST!



BUT FIRST, A MORE URGENT
TASK AWAITS US!

REMEMBER THE MYSTIC
GLOBE WHICH EVIL
MORDO HAD SEIZED
NOT LONG AGO--!

I -
REMEMBER--!



I SHALL REMOVE HIS ACCURSED SPELL, AND ALL SHALL BE AS IT WAS!

MAY THE SHADES OF THE SERAPHIM BANISH THE VAPORS OF VALTORR! IN THE NAME OF THE VISHANTI, I SPEAK!



BUT THEN, A CAUTIOUS NOTE OF ALARM CREEPS INTO THE ANCIENT ONE'S QUIVERING VOICE...

OBSERVE THE BLACK SPOTS, MY SON! THEY ARE THE TRACES OF EVIL ENCHANTMENT WHICH MORDO HAS SCATTERED OVER THE EARTH!



YOU MUST DESTROY THEM--AND QUICKLY--BEFORE THEY SPREAD LIKE THE PLAGUE--GROWING STRONGER WITH EACH PASSING HOUR!

I SHALL NOT FAIL!



AND, HALF A WORLD AWAY, IN THE GREENWICH VILLAGE RETREAT OF DR. STRANGE...

TIME GROWS SHORT! YOU MUST TRY AGAIN!

IT IS NO USE! I CANNOT DO IT! HE MUST HAVE FAILED!!



IF I AM UNABLE TO CONTACT MORDO MENTALLY, IT CAN MEAN BUT ONE THING--STRANGE HAS SOMEHOW DEFEATED HIM!!

ENOUGH TALK! WE KNOW WHAT MUST BE DONE!

LET US GET ON WITH IT, BEFORE STRANGE RETURNS!



DR. STRANGE COULD NEVER BE FOOLED BY A BLACK MAGIC TRAP--BUT, A SIMPLE BOMB, WITH NO MAGICAL QUALITIES, MAY COMPLETELY ESCAPE HIS NOTICE!



--AND THIS WILL BE THE PERFECT HIDING PLACE!

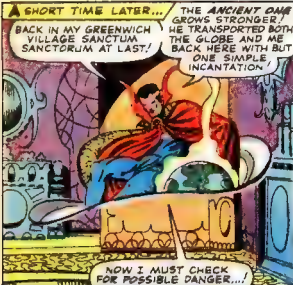


HE WILL KNOW THAT I WAS HERE--BUT I SHALL REMOVE ALL TRACE OF YOUR PRESENCES!

THEN, REALIZING I HAVE DEPARTED, HE SHALL SUSPECT NOTHING!



BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OVER, WE MAY BE R.I.D OF DR. STRANGE--FOREVER!

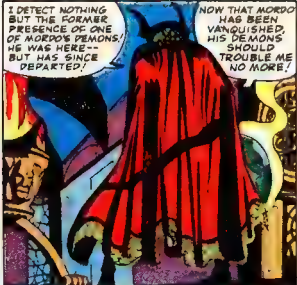


A SHORT TIME LATER...

BACK IN MY GREENWICH VILLAGE SANCTUM SANCTORUM AT LAST!

THE ANCIENT ONE GROWS STRONGER! HE TRANSPORTED BOTH THE GLOBE AND ME BACK HERE WITH BUT ONE SIMPLE INCANTATION!

NOW I MUST CHECK FOR POSSIBLE DANGER....!

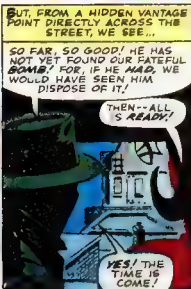


I DETECT NOTHING BUT THE FORMER PRESENCE OF ONE OF MORDO'S DEMONS! HE WAS HERE-- BUT HAS SINCE DEPARTED!

NOW THAT MORDO HAS BEEN VANQUISHED, HIS DEMONS SHOULD TROUBLE ME NO MORE!



RETURN TO THY BASE, O MYSTIC GLOBE! LET ALL BE AS IT EVER WAS!



BUT, FROM A HIDDEN VANTAGE POINT DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET, WE SEE...

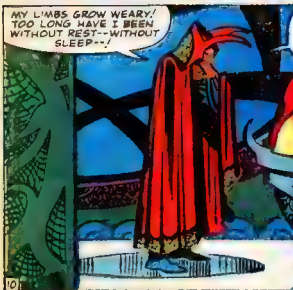
SO FAR, SO GOOD! HE HAS NOT YET FOUND OUR FATEFUL BOMB! FOR, IF HE HAD, WE WOULD HAVE SEEN HIM DISPOSE OF IT!

THEN--ALL'S READY!

YES! THE TIME IS COME!



I MUST ACTIVATE THE TRIGGER DEVICE SLOWLY--GENTLY--SO HE DOES NOT DETECT IT--!



MY LIMBS GROW WEARY! TOO LONG HAVE I BEEN WITHOUT REST--WITHOUT SLEEP--!

THE TIME IS COME TO SHUT MY EYES-- TO SEEK RESPIRE IN THE SHADOW WORLD OF DREAMS! THEN, WHEN I AWAKE --I SHALL BEGIN THE STRUGGLE ANEW!

AS SURELY AS OUR AMULET GLISTENS, WE SHALL RETURN NEXT ISSUE!!

THE END

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STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan,

I've just finished reading **STRANGE TALES** #137 and all I can say is: What have you done to Hydra? Now don't get me wrong. I'm always rooting for the good guys, and I think the Shield series is the greatest. But when the daughter of the master calls Hydra a "mad plan for world domination," you make it sound like a game of cops and robbers. I realize that Hydra is still a powerful organization, but why make the top man sound like some nut who's bored stiff and wants to have something to do in his old age? To end on a happy note, I would like to say that I love the new Nick Fury series. I think the weapons that Shield has are real neat. I think the whole kit-'n-kaboodle is great. 'Nuff said!

Mike McKeegan, 180 Columbia Dr.
Williamsville, N. Y. 14221

We sorta think you missed the point on the Hydra thing, Mike. Here we thought we carefully explained how ol' Hydrie was doing the whole thing out of misguided affection for his daughter—and you think he's just figured out a dandy new retirement plan! Oh well, back to the ol' typewriter. . . .



Dear Stan,

STRANGE TALES #137 was easily the best issue to hit the stands in many a moon. Nick Fury gets better as time goes by. Johnny Severin's art is terrific, and I'd like to see more! Stan, how do you do it? How can one writer do super-hero, war, western, and romance mags and then turn out a story like this? This may sound idiotic, but I've never read a story before that was as much fun to read as this one was. Still, let Shield destroy Hydra eventually. After all, James Bond destroyed Smerish and Spectre all by his little old lonesome! Doc Strange was superb and I was glad to see him finally find Eternity. When are you going to change your cover logo à la **SUSPENSE** or **ASTONISH**? The present one tends to cheapen the appearance of your mag. And please let Doc Strange have a cover all to himself soon. Stan, the credits have been saying, "Lettered and bordered by . . ." What does this mean? Does the letterer draw his own balloons? And does he do the little squares that the panels are drawn in? Please let your clamoring fans know!

Rick Wrigley, 5505 Virginia
Kansas City, Mo. 64110

Okay, Rick, it's serious answer time! Our letterers letter all the words in every story—which, staggering as it may seem, is why we call 'em letterers! They also draw the beautiful borders around each speech, and rule up the panel borders as well. As a matter of fact, thanks to Merry Marvel's potent publicity campaign, Artie, Sam, and company have become as famous with the capricious cognoscenti as Irving Forbush himself!

Dear Stan,

I'm just sending you a bunch of comments which I was too lazy to send in before now. Please stop the continued stories—I will buy your mags without this stimulus. Doc Strange's serial has been running for about six months now—it's getting ridiculous! And what's this noise about King Kirby doing layouts? Why should he waste his time so that other artists can mess around with his unique style, changing or blurring it? Switch Iron Man and Shield so that I.M. is in **STRANGE TALES** and Fury is in with Cap. That way Cap can join Shield and **SUSPENSE** can become **TALES OF SHIELD**, drawn by our leader, Jack Kirby. I hope that future annuals have more original work in them. Marvel Comics are great for swatting moths attracted by your reading lamp, but it's tough to get those

moth blots off the mag covers. Well, there are my comments. Your mags are dearer than life itself. Keep them coming and I'll keep buying. Brian Daley, Gerson Lane
Rockleigh, N. J.

Keep what coming, Brian? The comics—or the moths? Anyway, we have deposited your scintillating suggestions in our lead-lined, locked suggestion box! And some day, if we ever get a key—

Dear Stan,

I would like to thank you for showing the unsung men in S.H.I.E.L.D., as my father was an Englishman and was in Her Majesty's Secret Service. I say "was" because he died as a result of a gunshot wound, most probably inflicted by an agent of the Communist Bloc in Istanbul. But, to get off this somber note, I think (know, in fact) that your productions are the gear—that's English slang for Marvel! They are really the rage over in Britain among the "in" crowd. You're what's happening, baby!!

Michael Harrison (in transit)

Boston, Mass. / Liverpool, England

You know it, Mike! Your letter meant a great deal to us, fella—and we hope the complimentary subscription to **STRANGE TALES**, which we're entering for you in memory of your heroic dad, will serve in some small way to indicate how we feel about our wonderful overseas fans! And that's the straight scoop, son!

Dear Stan,

I think that **STRANGE TALES** #137 was your best issue to date. Why don't you have more stores like "When Meet the Mystic Minds"? How Doc overcame all those mystic traps of the Ancient One's, I'll never know. I don't think there'll ever be another super-hero like Dr. Strange. As for the Shield story, I especially enjoyed the part where the microfilm was tossed back and forth like a hot tamale. Those clothes that were shown to Nick were really something; so was the Betatron bomb! I'm for keeping Nick Fury in **STRANGE TALES**!

Francis Clough, 104 Edge Ave.

Swanwick Est., New Castle, Del.

So are we, pal! We figure he'd go over like a lead balloon in **MILLIE THE MODEL**!

Dear Stan,

I don't think the agents of Hydra are so swift in the brains department. Half the time they don't seem to know what's coming off. For example, in **STRANGE TALES** #137, we see the two Shield agents about to press the destruct button to blow themselves, their submarine car, and the vital microfilm sky-high. Then, the next time we see old Head Hydra himself, he's talking about how an attack force "recaptured" the film. I know that the whole matter is academic, since all Hydra cared about was that Shield didn't get the film; but, just the same, you'd think that somebody would've clued the Master in. I mean, what's a reader gonna think—that the microfilm was blast-proof? What a heckuva way to run a subversive organization!

Justin Arthur, 168 E. 2nd St.

New York, N. Y. 10003

One thing that grabs us about our rollickin' readers, Jus—even when they pan us, they always solve our own problems, too! We'll accept the answer you so generously provided—the microfilm was blast-proof! Thanks a lot! So, what else is new?

—Y'know, we can't wait till the next mail to get your reactions to this ish! We're betting that half of you will be saying "At last! We thought you'd never give Hydra the gate!"—while the other half will tear into us for dropping our green-hooded theme without their permish! —Anyway, we've got the usual far-out, fantastic surprises waiting for you next ish. Nick and Doc Strange are rarin' to go—and all they need is you! So be sure to be here—it's embarrassing for super-heroes to be stood up!

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Some of the People Dorne Has Helped

Herb Smith was a payroll clerk. Soon after he started studying with us, he landed an art job with a large printing firm. This was four years ago; today he's head artist for the same firm.

Don Golemba of Detroit is another. He stepped up from railroad worker to the styling department of a big automobile company—by showing his work with the School. Now he helps design new-car models.

Pat Browning wanted to escape from her dull typing job to something creative. Soon after studying with us, she was promoted to full-time artist with the same firm—at much more money.

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to become fashion artist for a local department store.

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Long before Albert Dorne started looking for people who like to draw, they came to him for advice and help. Since he alone could help only a few of these people, he called together America's most successful artists—men like Norman Rockwell, Jon Whitcomb, Stevan Dohanos and Al Parker.

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